



THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE



May 6, 2009

The Honorable Jeff Atwater
President of the Senate

The Honorable Larry Cretul
Speaker, House of Representatives

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

Your Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on CS/SB 1660, same being:

An act relating to the Agency for Persons with Disabilities

having met, and after full and free conference, do recommend to their respective houses as follows:

1. That the House of Representatives recede from its Amendment 1.
2. That the Senate and House of Representatives adopt the Conference Committee Amendment attached hereto, and by reference made a part of this report.

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The Conference Committee Amendment for CS/SB 1660, relating to the Agency for Persons with Disabilities:

- Amends s. 393.065, F.S., to require, beginning July 1, 2010, that the Agency for Persons with Disabilities assign and provide priority to clients waiting for waiver services. The bill assigns categories from one through seven based on priority and the agency is authorized to adopt rules.
- Amends s. 393.0661, F.S., as follows:
 - Removes a provision permitting all services covered under the waiver to be available to all clients in all tiers;
 - Removes a provision that limited an increase in services prior to a certain date;
 - Directs the agency to eliminate medication review as a waiver service;
 - Directs the agency to develop a plan to eliminate redundancies and duplications between in-home support services, companion services, personal care services, and supported living coaching by limiting or consolidating them;
 - Directs the agency to develop a plan to reduce the intensity and frequency of supported employment services to clients in stable employment situations with a history of at least three years of employment with the same company or within the same industry;
 - Removes a provision that would have been effective July 1, 2009, that would have reduced the geographic differential for residential habilitation services for Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, and Monroe Counties; and
 - Continues a provision relating to the calculation of the amount of waiver cost plan adjustment by removing the expiration date of that provision and limiting cost plan utilization growth to no more than 5 percent.
- Amends s. 393.23, F.S., to revise how money in trust accounts in developmental disability centers may be spent.
- Establishes a study group to determine the feasibility of creating a prepaid service plan for children with disabilities modeled after the Florida prepaid college plan. The bill directs the study group to provide recommendations regarding services for which a voucher could be used, financial requirements, qualifications of service providers, and steps necessary to qualify this plan for a federal waiver program that would allow for federal financial participation. The report is due by January 29, 2010. The bill provides for travel and per diem expenses for study group members. The group is abolished and is repealed upon submission of the group's final report.